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Attorney Reference Number 6395-61264-01
Application Number 10/001,268

REMARKS:

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 4, 7-9, 11-14, 16-22, and 27-32 are pending in the application. The remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice to renewal or disclaimer. No claims have been allowed, but the remaining claims were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 4, 7, 11, 14, 22, 27, and 32 are independent.

Cited Art

U.S. Publication No. 2004/0 083 085 to Zeineh et al. ("Zeineh") is entitled "Integrated Virtual Slide and Live Microscope System."

Information Disclosure Statement

The Form PTO-892 for an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed on July 17, 2002, was not included with the most recent Office Action. Because the IDS was timely filed, Applicants request that the references listed thereon be considered and an initialed copy be returned to Applicants. As understood by Applicants, the IDS appears in the PTO's computer system. A copy of the postcard showing receipt of the IDS is included as Exhibit A.

Applicants also include another IDS citing other documents to Zeineh herewith.

Patentability of Claims 4, 7-9, 11-14, 16-22, and 27-32

The Action indicates that claims 4, 7-9, 11-14, 16-22, and 27-32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, to expedite issuance of a patent covering the technology, Applicants have so amended the claims and canceled the remaining claims without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have also rewritten claim 22 in independent form. Applicants reserve the right to present the canceled claims at a later date.

Request for Interview

If any issues remain, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney prior to issuance of the next Office Action in order to arrange a telephonic interview. It

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is believed that a brief discussion of the merits of the present application may expedite prosecution. Applicants submit the foregoing formal Amendment so that the Examiner may fully evaluate Applicants' position, thereby enabling the interview to be more focused.

This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.


Conclusion

The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

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